

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AMARILLO DIVISION

ERNEST BENTON,

Petitioner,

v.

LORIE DAVIS, Director,
Texas Department of Criminal Justice,
Correctional Institutions Division,

Respondent.

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ORDER

After making an independent review of the pleadings, files, and records in this case, the September 11, 2018 findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the magistrate judge, and petitioner's November 5, 2018 objections, the court concludes the magistrate judge's findings and conclusions are correct. It is therefore ordered that petitioner's objections are overruled, the recommendations of the magistrate judge are adopted, and the petition for a writ of habeas corpus is denied.

Considering the record in this case and pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 22(b), Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings in the United States District Courts, and 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), the court denies a certificate of appealability. The court adopts and incorporates by reference the magistrate judge's findings, conclusions, and recommendation filed in this case in support of its finding that the petitioner has failed to show (1) that reasonable jurists would find this court's "assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong," or (2) that reasonable jurists would find "it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right" and "debatable whether [this court] was correct in its procedural ruling." *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S.473, 484 (2000).

If petitioner files a notice of appeal,

- () petitioner may proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal.
- (X) petitioner must pay the \$505.00 appellate filing fee or submit a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

SO ORDERED.

November 21, 2018.


SIDNEY A. FITZWATER
SENIOR JUDGE